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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

**JENDICK**

Group Art Unit: **2881**

Appln. No.: **09/723,329**

Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**

Filed: **November 28, 2000**

Title: **MARKING OF ARTICLES TO BE INCLUDED IN CANS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

✓  
Please cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

✓  
Please add new claims 22-48 as follows:

B1 22. (New) A laser unit providing markings on a surface of a continuous strip of metal, said laser unit comprising:

beam generating means for generating a beam of laser radiation;

beam focusing means for focusing the laser beam onto said surface of said strip; and